

# Annual 'Clean Up Days' Approved for City

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PRE-FLIGHT WEIGH-IN . . . Airport Commissioner Joe Doss is getting a weight check by Mrs. Robert Ross (left) and Mrs. Ruth Nitzen of the Long Beach Ninety-Nines, sponsors of the annual Powder Puff Derby which will terminate at Torrance Municipal Airport next year. The lady pilots will offer air rides at 2-cents a pound on May 7-8 during a "Plane Pleasure" event at the airport. (Press-Herald Photo)

# Defer Final Decision In Disputed Zone Case

## Pick Up Service By City

Torrance residents planning a spring cleaning around their homes will get some extra help from the city Saturday, May 14, following action by the City Council last night.

Councilmen designated the second Saturday in May—and the second Saturday in October—as citywide "Clean Up Days."

Under the new plan, residents will be able to put any trash or junk cleaned out of garages and homes on the curb, call the city, and watch while city crews remove the unwanted items.

THE PLAN was recommended by Walter Nollac, director of public works, after councilmen asked him to investigate the possibility of an annual "Cleanup Torrance" campaign.

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## Councilmen To Get New P. A. System

City Councilmen voted last night to buy a new sound system for the council chambers at City Hall, but, from one point of view, the vote was a week or two late.

The sound system now installed has been in an "off-and-on" condition for several weeks. And last night it went off.

The failure occurred just as residents packed the council chamber to be heard on several public hearings. The situation was finally remedied when a portable system from the recreation department was imported.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro said the system had been tested earlier yesterday and was in working order. "I think it has an aversion to people," he quipped.

The new system will be installed in about three weeks. In the meantime, a temporary system will be used.

## Pensioner Happy; Finds Honest Man

Somewhere in Torrance lives an honest person, in the eyes of Mrs. Anna Marie Swanson of Lompoc.

In a letter to the Press-Herald this week, Mrs. Swanson expressed her thanks to an unknown Torrance benefactor for a gesture of honesty.

"I lost my purse and bank checkbook in Solvang," she wrote. "Yesterday I received them both in the mail — mailed in Torrance — in perfect condition, just as I lost them."

Mrs. Swanson said she was so thankful because the purse contained all the money her family had until they receive Social Security payments on May 4.

"We are two old folks — 75 and 80 years of age," she explained.

"Please print a few words of 'Thank You' in the paper — maybe the sender will see it and know how much we thank them for mailing it to me," Mrs. Swanson wrote. "You have honest people somewhere in your town," she added. "Whoever it was, I will say a prayer for them — that's the only way I can thank them."

## Council Asks Agreement on A Precise Plan

Developers of a discount store proposed for the North Torrance area moved a step closer to their goal last night, but the major battle is still to be fought.

City Councilmen, during a meeting which lasted past midnight, approved a change of zone sought by Lucky Stores, Inc., but made the action subject to approval by the council of a precise plan of development.

Councilman David K. Lyman cast the dissenting vote in a 5-1 decision. H. Ted Olson was absent from the meeting.

FOLLOWING THE vote, which came after 90 minutes of debate, Mayor Albert Isen asked City Manager Edward J. Ferraro and city planners to begin discussions about the precise plan with the developers and residents of the area.

The matter is scheduled to come back to the council May 10.

The developers have proposed a Gemco discount department store for the nine-acre parcel, located at the northeast corner of 182nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.

A majority of residents object to the store because they fear traffic hazards in the area will be increased, especially if a driveway is approved on 182nd Street opposite the San Diego Freeway ramps.

A PETITION signed by 343 residents favoring the proposed store was presented, but councilmen were reminded that some 700 persons have signed petitions opposing the store.

One mother, objecting on grounds that the store is "too big," said, "We're not going to have that much traffic if"

"I would rather consider the zoning in connection with all the problems," Lyman said.

Councilmen, however, approved the change of zone to C-3, subject to approval of a precise plan. Isen, declaring the property would eventually be improved, then asked store officials, residents, and

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### AT SOUTH HIGH

## Book Fair to Climax Public School Week

Torrance youngsters will get to shake the hands of 22 authors and illustrators of children's books at the "Meet and Greet the Authors" fair Saturday. The event is the final activity of Public Schools Week here.

The 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. event at South High School will be sponsored by the Torrance Education Association in cooperation with the Torrance Public Libraries, the Educational Council of Torrance, and the South High PTA. There will be no admission charge and the public has been invited.

Latest author to add his name to the list of guests is Bill Peet, author-illustrator of such books as "The Pinkish Purplish Bluish Egg," "Kermit the Hermit," and "Randy's Dandy Lions."

OTHER AUTHORS and illustrators who will participate are: June Behrens, Jane Carlson, J. Kenner Agnew, Beverly Cleary, Miriam Cox, Rosemary De Camp, Hal Everts, Lorenz Graham, Laurence Kirkpatrick, Dr. Marvin Laser, Jonreed Lauritzen, Margaret Leighton, Edmund Lindop, David and Joyce Rodericks, Roy Marsh, Rutherford Montgomery, Scott O'Dell, Loyd Prante, Chuck Freeman, and John Lawlor.

"Meet and greet" sessions for youngsters in kindergarten through fifth grade are scheduled for 9 to 11 a.m. in the cafeteria. During this time children accompanied by parents or teachers will be able to chat informally with Peet, Lindop, Miss Carlson and Miss Behrens. The illustrators will present art demonstrations and authors will autograph books.

EVENTS planned for youngsters from sixth grade through high school and for adults interested in authors who write for that age group will be divided into three sessions. The formal program will

feature a panel presentation from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the gymnasium moderated by Mrs. Kenneth Watts, president of the Torrance Board of Education. Classroom lectures, during which students and adults may meet each of the panelists in a smaller group, will be conducted from 10:30 to 11 a.m. and from 11 to 11:30 a.m. At the same time films of literary works and personalities will be featured in the gymnasium.

BECAUSE only 850 seats will be available for the classroom lectures, tickets will be required for classroom seating. They will be distributed free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis from 8 to 9 a.m. in the foyer of the gymnasium.

The informal phase of the program for older students will be a meet and greet book chat session in the cafeteria from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Displays of the authors' works will be featured and autographed copies will be available for

purchase. Book sale proceeds will go towards scholarships.

The visiting authors have penned 133 books among them. Included in their works are such well-known children's titles as the Caldecott Award winning "Song of the Swallows," and "Crow Boy," Newberry Award winner "Island of the Blue Dolphins," "Jumbo, King of the Elephants," "Henry Huggins," "Magic and the Sword," "South Town," "Journey for a Princess," "Life in Latin America," "Golden Stallion," and the Southern California Council on Literature Award winner "Legend of Billy Blue-sage."

ONE OF THE most familiar faces among the authors will be that of Rosemary De Camp, author of "Here Duke," who is also known for her role as a television and motion picture actress. Miss De Camp, who in private life is Mrs. John Shidler, lives in Torrance.

Other resident authors are purchase. Book sale proceeds will go towards scholarships.

## School Aide to Begin Full Duty

Frank Mattox, newly-appointed assistant superintendent of business for the Tor-



FRANK MATTOX Joins School Staff

rance Unified School District, will assume full-time duties beginning Monday.

He replaces S. E. Waldrip, who left that post March 7 to become assistant superintendent of business in the Inglewood school district.

The new assistant superintendent, who has filled the role on a part-time basis for the past six weeks, has been employed in a similar capacity for the past four years in the La Puente Union High School District.

A native of California, he attended high school in Turlock, and served in the United States Air Force prior to receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration from Fresno State College in 1949.

Mattox taught business in

Porterville for four years before entering the field of business administration.

His administrative posts have included a four-year stint as director of business service in Porterville, two years as assistant superintendent of business for Porterville Union High School and Junior College District, and two years as assistant superintendent of business for Clovis Unified School District.

Married to the former Leona Johnson of Nebraska in 1947, Mattox is the father of three children, John, 15; Claudia, 11; and Lee Anne, 9. He presently is doing graduate studies towards his doctorate at the University of Southern California.

## West High Sets Fine Arts Week

Plans for a Fine Arts Week program at West High currently are being made by students and faculty members in the Fine Arts Department.

The event, which begins May 5 and continues through May 12, will begin with displays of student work in the library and art rooms.

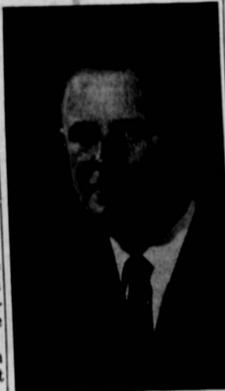
An art-in-action program will be presented throughout the celebration.

Plans for a one-act play and interpretation readings by drama students are being made.

As a finale to the activities, a choral concert will be presented by the West High Choir.

## Hospital Aide At Convention

Leonard A. Ensminger, administrator of Torrance Memorial Hospital, is serving as a member of the committee on sections during the 36th annual convention of the Association of Western Hospitals now in session in Los Angeles.



DR. STUART MARSEE On Committee

## Dr. Marsee Named to Committee

Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, president of El Camino College and a Torrance resident, is

one of nine Southland educators named to the junior college and adult education committee of the KCET Educational Advisory Council.

Function of the committee, according to Joseph B. Platt, chairman, is "to determine the needs of the junior college and adult education divisions for television time in relationship to KCET."

Invited to serve with Dr. Marsee on the committee are: Armen Sarafian, president of Pasadena City College; Glen Vaniman, president of Citrus College; Stanley Warburton, associate superintendent for colleges and adult education in the Los Angeles City Schools; and Robert Troutman, Los Angeles County Schools Office.

Others named to the committee are: Wylie Garner, president of Long Beach City College; Bruce Browning, dean of academic affairs at Cerritos Junior College; Samuel Warren, director of adult education in the Whittier Schools; and Joseph Herrell, director of adult education in the El Monte Schools.

### Japanese Ambassador to Visit

Japan's Ambassador to the United States will visit Torrance Thursday, May 5, the City Council was told last night. Occasion for the Ambassador's visit to this city will be the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Toyota Motor Co.'s western distribution center. The facility is to be built on 190th Street east of Van Ness Avenue and will be the prime distribution facility in the United States for the Japanese automobile firm.

### Loyalty Day Parade

An estimated 150 marching units will participate in the annual Gardena Loyalty Day parade beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday. Military units, patriotic organization, and city service and fraternal groups will enter the annual salute to America and its traditions. The parade will move south on Vermont Avenue from its beginning point at 163rd Street.

### Panel on Immortality

A panel of scientists will discuss artificially created, maintained, and regenerated life in the fourth of a series Monday on the challenges of modern society sponsored by the South Bay Forum, Inc. The 7:55 p.m. meeting at the Torrance Recreation Center will feature a panel headed by Dr. Abraham Tockett of the UCLA Medical School. He will be joined by a biochemist and a pathologist. Other discussions will touch on hallucinatory drugs, personal privacy, and motivational research.